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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masakazu MURATA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/712,991  
For: DATA EDITING APPARATUS, DATA EDITING METHOD  
AND DATA RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS  
Filed: November 15, 2000  
Examiner: Thai Tran  
Art Unit: 2616

745 Fifth Avenue  
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Tel: 212-588-0800

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	7	Minus	** =21	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	3	Minus	*** =7	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.


\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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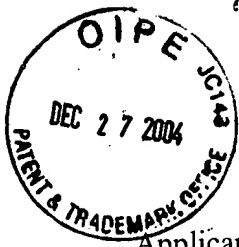
  
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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2004, wherein restriction was required between Group I claims 1-7 and Group II claims 8-21, please amend the above-identified application as follows: